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SUBJ: BACKGROUND TO RESIGNATION TO FORMER MINISTER JORGE SALVADOR LARA

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1. THE EMBASSY HAS HEARD SEVERAL DIFFERENT STORIES ABOUT THE
STUE CAUSES FOR THE RESIGNATION OF JORGE SALVADOR LARA AS
GOE FOREIGN MINISTER OF JUNE 10. ALL OF THEM CITE DISAGREEM-
MENT BETWEEN SALVADOR AND SUPREME COUNCIL. ONE CIVILIAN
MINISTER TOLD CHARGE AT A RECEPTION OF EVENING OF JUNE 10
THAT SALVADOR LOST HIS POSITION BECAUSE "HE DID NOT KNOW HOW
TO SALUTE AND CLICK HIS HEELS IN THE MILITARY FASHION."

2. ANOTHER SOURCE, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY IN-
VOLVED, SAYS THAT SALVADOR'S RESIGNATION WAS REQUESTED AS A
RESULT OF A SERIES OF ACTIONS HE HAD TAKEN WITHOUT CLEARANCE
OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL. SOURCE LISTED THE INVITATION BY
SALVADOR TO ADMIRAL MASSERA OF THE ARGENTINA JUNTA TO VISIT
ECUADOR, STATEMENT MADE IN SPAIN ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF SPAIN
AND PORTUGAL BECOMING MEMBER OF OAS, INCREASES IN RE-
PRESENTATIONAL FUNDS FOR MISSIONS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY
TRAVELING ABROAD, AND, AS THE LAST STRAW, REFUSAL TO NAME
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ECUADOREAN STUDENT AND PROFESSOR AS GOE OBSERVERS TO
OASGA MEETING IN GRENADA IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT BET-
WEEN CENTRAL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL REATIONS
AND GOE. EMBASSY IS PRONE TO ACCEPT THIS ACCOUNT AS
ACCURATE.

3. AS IS USUAL IN ECUADOR, THE CHANGE OF ONE MINISTER

STIMULATED MANY STORIES ABOUT ADDITIONAL CABINET CHANGES
AND POSSIBLE CHANGES IN SUPREME COUNCIL. GOE TOOK PAINS
TO DISPELL SUCH RUMORS, AND AT LEAST SIX VERY HIGH GOE
OFFICIALS MADE IT A POINT AT RECEPTION ON JUNE 10 TO REASSURE
CHARGE THAT NO FURTHER CHANGES IN GOE WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY
FORTHCOMING. RUMORS ABOUT CHANGES SEEM TO BE DIMINISHING AND
GOE IS OPERATING NORMALLY..
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